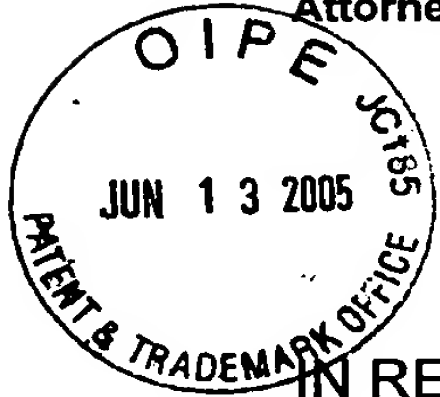


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO THE NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.111 MAILED MARCH 11, 2005

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Non-Final Office Action mailed March 11, 2005.
Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks/Arguments to the Non-Final Office Action begin on page 4 of this Response.